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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS MATTER UNDER AGENDA ITEM 22

FOR AMBASSADOR FERGUSON, USDEL ECOSOC FROM SHELDON VANCE,
S/NM

1. UNDER ITEM 22 (CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES) OF THE PRO-
VISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 59TH ECOSOC IS RESOLUTION RECOM-
MENDING 1976 SESSION OF COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS DRUGS (CND)
AND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF TWO SUBSIDIARY BODIES. WE HAVE
ALREADY PROVIDED USDEL ECOSOC WITH DETAILS OF THIS RESOLU-
TION, BUT I WISH PERSONALLY TO REITERATE THAT A CND SES-
SION IN 1976 IS VITAL TO OUR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL EFFORT. CND IS PRIMARY FORUM FOR REVIEW OF PAST
EFFORTS AND FUTURE PLANS. IN THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, WITH
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CONSTANT INNOVATIONS ON THE PART OF USERS, SUPPLIERS ON ONE

SIDE, AND THOSE COMBATTING SPREAD OF DRUG ABUSE ON THE OTHER, SUCH A REVIEW IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. FURTHERMORE, AS YOU KNOW, THE UN IS PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTROL EFFORTS RELATIVE TO THE NEW TURKISH POPPY CROP, A ROLE WHICH THE USG CANNOT PLAY OWING TO OUR PRESENT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. THIS ROLE IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND THE UNFIDAC, BOTH OF

WHICH OPERATE UNDER THE OVERSIGHT AND GUIDANCE OF THE CND. FINALLY, THE WHITE HOUSE DOMESTIC COUNSEL AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT, HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A HIGH LEVEL INTER-AGENCY DRUG REVIEW TASK FORCE TO SEEK MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ATTACK ALL FACETS OF THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM WHICH IS AGAIN INCREASING IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS FURTHER ATTESTS TO OUR KEEN INTEREST IN KEEPING UP THE PRESSURE IN THE UN THROUGH ANNUAL CND MEETINGS.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN ENSURING PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION BY ECOSOC. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU IN THIS REGARD TO CALL FREELY UPON EXPERTISE AND CONTACTS OF BETTY GOUGH, DRUG ABUSE CONTROL OFFICER, US MISSION, GENEVA. KISSINGER

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